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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by September 4, 2003. Applicants are submitting herewith a petition for a two-month extension of time extending the due date for this reply up to and including November 4, 2003. Please enter the following claim amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.